

Front Page Edit Page Other Page

Date:

Behind Iron Curtain

The United Press reports from Berlin that an official Communist newspaper has put the blame for the Poznan revolt in Poland on Allan Dulles, chief of the Central Intelligence Agency in Washington.

Specifically, the charge is that Dulles helped mastermind the uprising. The Red newspaper was quoted as saying there was no doubt about it. The party organ sought to create the impression that Dulles was able to make an early statement in Washington about the revolt because he was in on it.

The accusation against the Central Intelligence chief fitted into the pattern of things. It was another outcry in the campaign behind the iron curtain to blame foreign agents for the revolt, instead of the unrest proclaimed by the revolt.

We are not attaching too much significance to a single incident of unrest as indicative of general conditions behind the iron curtain. However, we don't think it is without point that the Communist regime is undertaking to put the blame for the Polish uprising on outsiders. This would seem to indicate that free world propaganda may be getting through to the masses behind the curtain. Maybe information leaking through to the oppressed people has helped to encourage them to undertake drastic action against their overlords.

Or, it might mean only that things have become so intolerable for the working classes behind the iron curtain that revolt seems the only possible avenue of escape. Perhaps the laboring masses are so desperate that anything seems preferable to what they are undergoing as tools of communism.

Whatever the explanation may be, it appears that the free world may have a cue to a situation to be capitalized.

★ ★ ★

CPYRGHT